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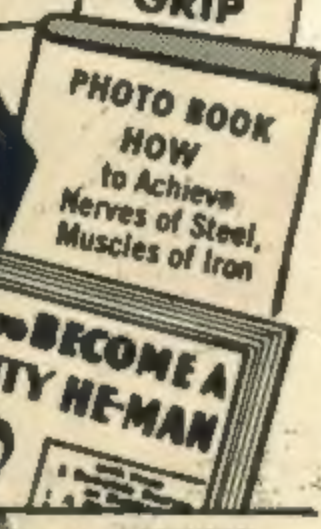

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THE BIG BRASS WANTED POSSESSION OF KUMHWA, THE IMPORTANT SUPPLY HUB IN NORTH KOREA...SO THE INFANTRY WAS SENT OUT TO TAKE IT AWAY FROM THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS...

ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY, THE REDS GREETED THE DOGGIES WITH WIDE-OPEN FIREARMS...

THE G.I.'S AND THE REDS SLAMMED INTO EACH OTHER WITH ALL THE FURY OF WAR AND THE CLASH EXPLODED INTO A BATTLE WHICH SHOOK THE ENTIRE KOREAN PENINSULA! BUT THIS WAS ONLY A PRELUDE TO THE BIG BATTLE... A PRELUDE TO...

THE SIEGE

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THE TRENCHES WHICH THE REDS HAD DUG FOR THE CITY'S DEFENSE BECAME THEIR MASS GRAVE! G.I. GREASE GUNS NAILED DOWN THE FOXHOLE COFFINS WITH A STEADY .45 CALIBER HAMMERING...

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G.I. GRENADES EXPLODED IN BLACK GEYSERS OF DIRT AND COMMUNISTS...

KA-WHOM

RIFLES STUDDED WITH STEEL BAYONETS DUG INTO YELLOW FLESH...

THE REDS HAD MORE MANPOWER..BUT THEIR WALL OF HUMAN FLESH WAS NO DEFENSE AGAINST THE DEADLY FIREPOWER ERUPTING FROM THE HANDS OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMEN...

BATTERED AND BEATEN, THE ENEMY FELL BACK TOWARD THE CITY AND THE DOGGIES OCCUPIED THEIR TRENCHES! THE PRELUDE TO THE SIEGE OF KUMHWA WAS OVER...

BLAM BAM POW

BAM BLAM BAM

THE BATTLEFIELD BELONGED TO THE DOGGIES AND TO THE DEAD...AND THE REDS IN KUMHWA HAD NO RESPECT FOR EITHER! THEIR ARTILLERY INSIDE THE CITY BEGAN TO BELLOW ITS BLAZING PROFANITY AT THE AMERICANS...

BARRROOOM

OUTSIDE OF THE CITY, IN THE TRENCHES LINED WITH RICE-STRAW SACKS, THE LIVING AND THE DEAD HUDDLED TOGETHER TO ESCAPE THE VIOLENT FURY AND FIRE OF THE EXPLODING SHELLS...>

KA-RROM

EVERY DOGGIE CRAMMED IN THOSE FOXHOLES HAD ONLY ONE WISH...ONE PRAYER...AND ONE QUESTION...

FOR CA-RIPES SAKES, SARGE! WHAT'S OUR ARTILLERY WAITIN' FOR? WHY DON'T THEY START HEAVIN' SOME OF THOSE 90-POUND HIGHBALLS AT THOSE RED BLASTERS?

'CAUSE THE BIG BRASS AIN'T FLAGGED THEM THE OKAY SIGN YET!

BA-WOOM

CA-RIRES! YA MEAN WE GOTTA RAISE OUR TWO FINGERS LIKE WE DID IN P.S. 148 AN' ASK BEFORE THE STAR-AN'-EAGLE BOYS LET US HAVE SOME ARTILLERY SUPPORT?

AW, YOU GET TO BE MORE OF A JERK, EVERY DAY, BENSON! AIN'T YOU BEEN IN THE ARMY LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT WE NEVER SLAM SHELLS INTO A TOWN THAT MIGHT BE FILLED WITH CIVILIANS AS WELL AS ENEMY TROOPS?

KA-WHOMP

BUT THEY'RE ONLY GUESSIN'! THEY DON'T KNOW FOR SURE THAT THERE'RE CIVVIES IN KUMHWA!

MAYBE NOT! BUT THAT'S WHY WE HAVE PATROLS...TO FIND OUT!

WA-KRUMP

YEAH! AN' IF THERE ARE KOREANS IN THE TOWN THEN I SUPPOSE WE GOTTA TAKE IT WITHOUT ARTILLERY SUPPORT! AN' I SUPPOSE I GOTTA RISK MY NECK TO SAVE THEIR LITTLE JERK TOWN AN' FOR A BUNCH OF KOREANS WHO'RE LAYIN' AROUND IN THERE WAITIN' TO BE LIBERATED! BR-R-OTHER...THAT I CAN'T SEE!

OKAY, BENSON...THEN I'LL SHOW YA! COME ON...YOU'VE JUST VOLUNTEERED FOR THE FIRST PEEK-A-BOO PATROL INTO KUMHWA!

SURE I'LL GO! NOT THAT I DOUBT THERE'RE KOREANS IN THE TOWN...BUT I WANNA SEE YOUR UGLY PUSS DROP TO YOUR BOOTS WHEN YOUR BLOODSHOT PEEPERS SEE WHAT SUCKERS THEY'RE MAKIN' OUT OF US AMERICANS! THEY KNOW WE WON'T BOMB IT WITH THEM IN IT...SO THEY SIT THERE AND HELP THE REDS!

IF YOU'RE THRU FOAMIN' AT THE MOUTH... LET'S GO!

THE TWO MEN CLIMBED OUT OF THE TRENCH AND BELLIED ACROSS THE EDGE OF NO-MAN'S LAND TOWARD A WOODED AREA ON THEIR RIGHT FLANK...

THIS IS ALL A WASTE OF TIME! WE OUGHTTA BLAST THAT TOWN WITH EVERY LONG TOM WE GOT! IF THOSE KOREANS THINK SO MUCH OF THEIR FREEDOM AND THEIR TOWN WHY DON'T THEY DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT INSTEAD OF LETTIN' US DO ALL THE DIRTY WORK?

THEY HAD A PLAN! THE TWO DOGGIES SPLIT UP! THE SARGE WORKED HIS WAY TO THE FRONT OF THE SENTRY WHILE BARTON SNEAKED UP IN BACK OF HIM! THEN THE SARGE JUMPED UP TO ATTRACT THE GUARD...

WE'RE ALL SET, MAJOR! IT SHOULD TAKE US ABOUT TWO HOURS! IF WE'RE NOT BACK BY 2300 HOURS YOU BETTER SEND OUT ANOTHER PATROL!

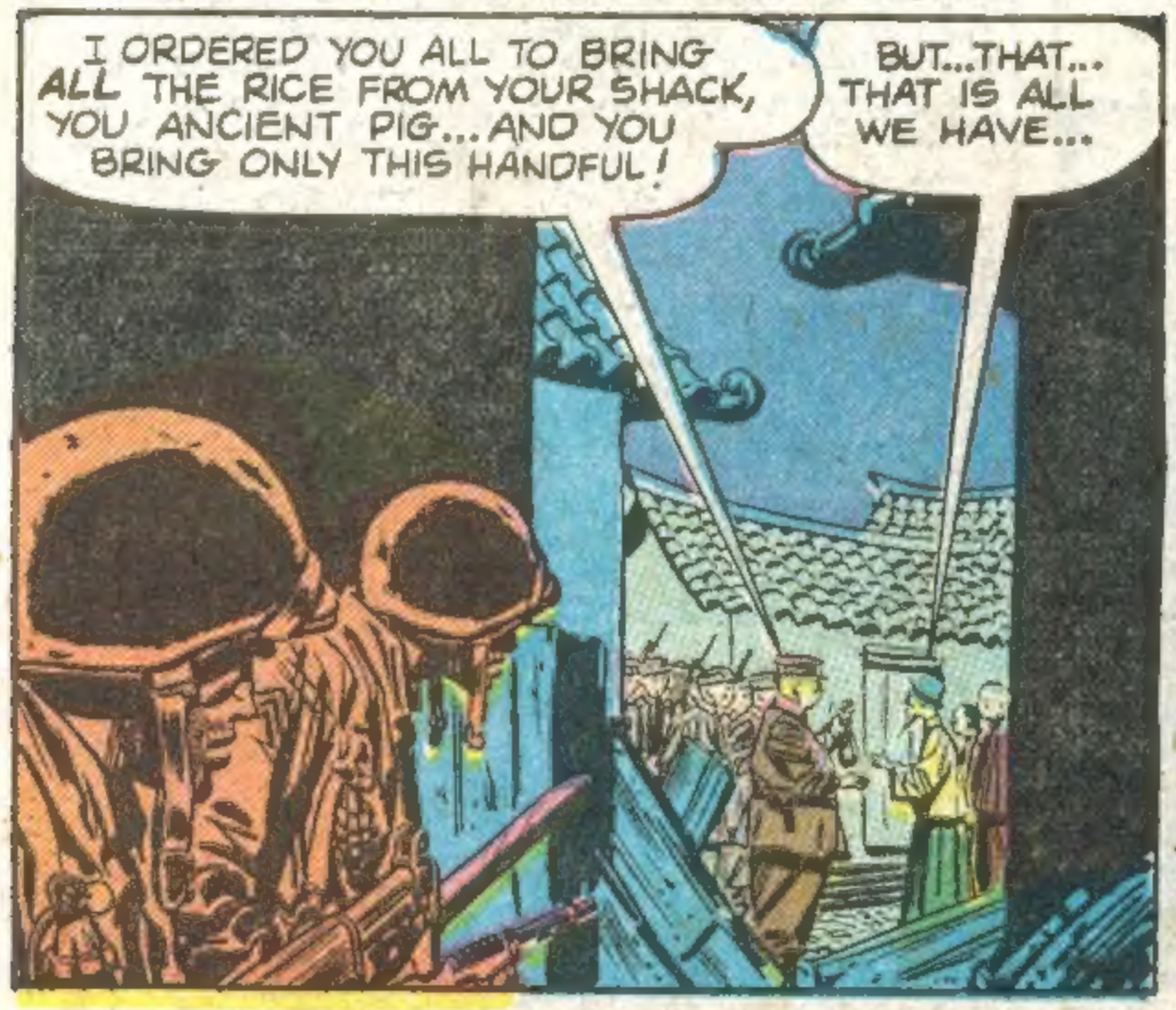
YOU'LL MAKE IT, SARGE! GOOD LUCK TO BOTH OF YOU!

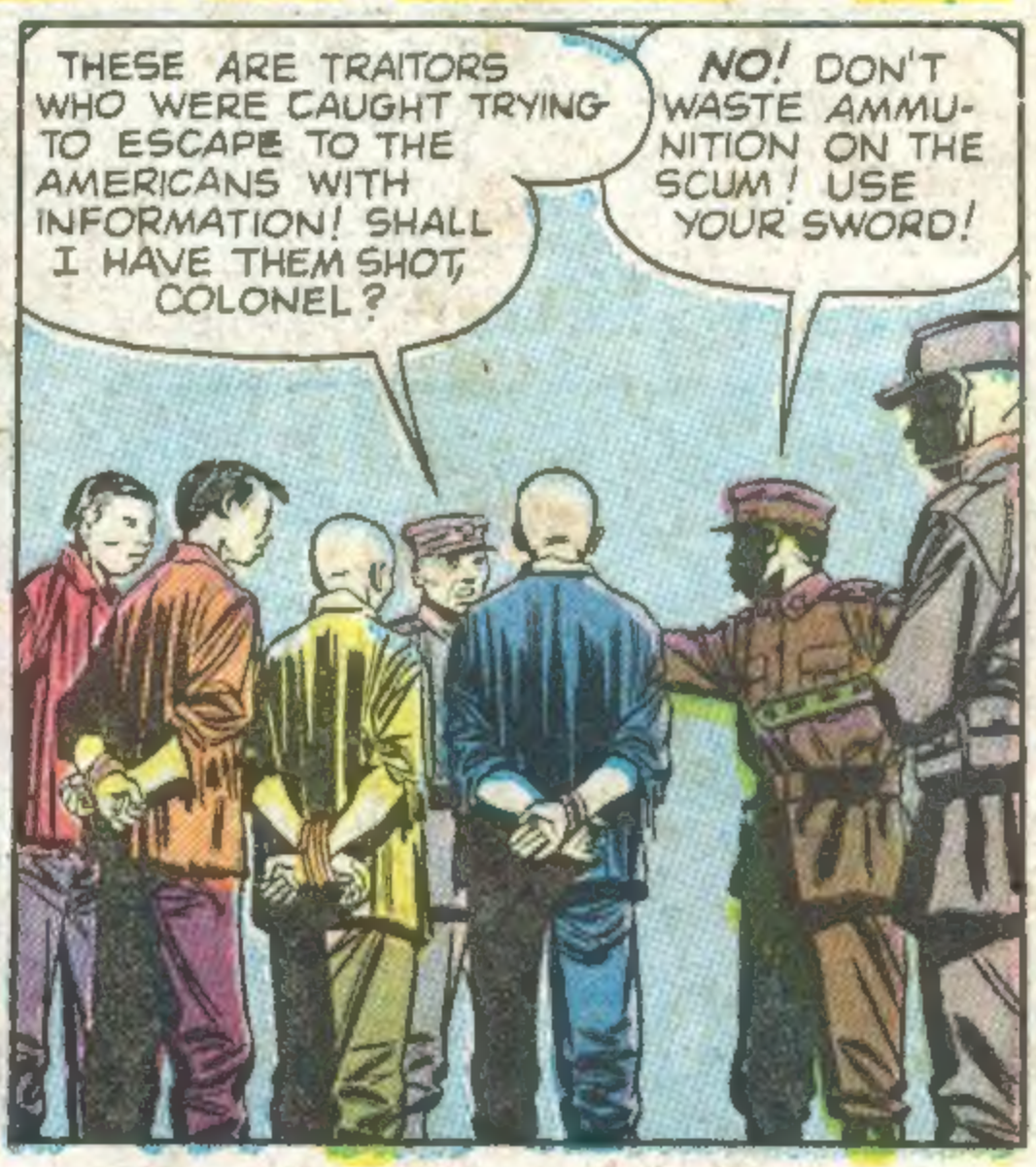
THEY REACHED THE WOODS AND THEN FOLLOWED A PATH TOWARD KUMHWA! A FEW MINUTES LATER, THEY SPOTTED A RED SENTRY...

THE RED SHOULDERED HIS GUN...BUT THAT WAS AS FAR AS HE GOT! THE DIVERSION TRICK WORKED AND BENSON RUSHED IN FROM BEHIND WITH HIS BAYONET AND...

ARRGGG!

INSIDE KUMHWA BENSON GOT HIS FIRST LOOK AT A TOWN UNDER COMMUNIST OCCUPATION...


I ORDERED YOU ALL TO BRING ALL THE RICE FROM YOUR SHACK, YOU ANCIENT PIG... AND YOU BRING ONLY THIS HANDFUL!
BUT...THAT... THAT IS ALL WE HAVE...


THESE ARE TRAITORS WHO WERE CAUGHT TRYING TO ESCAPE TO THE AMERICANS WITH INFORMATION! SHALL I HAVE THEM SHOT, COLONEL?
NO! DON'T WASTE AMMUNITION ON THE SCUM! USE YOUR SWORD!

BENSON AND THE SERGEANT WITNESSED THE BRUTAL EXECUTION... AND IT MADE BENSON SICK...

AND THEN AS THEY WATCHED A BABY BEING TORN FROM ITS MOTHER'S ARMS...

I'M GONNA PLUG THAT DIRTY BUTCHER! I GOTTA WIFE AND KID BACK HOME AN'...
YEAH, I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, BENSON... AN' IF YOU WANNA GET BACK TO 'EM LAY OFF THE HERO STUFF! WE'RE ONLY TWO AGAINST A WHOLE TOWN OF REDS!

IT'S ONE OF THOSE DIRTY REDS... I'LL...

NO! PUT DOWN YOUR BLADE, AMERICAN! I AM YIN SU...A FRIEND! HOW DID YOU GET INTO KUMHWA...AND HOW CAN YOU GET OUT AGAIN?

WHY?

BECAUSE YOU MUST CARRY BACK WORD TO YOUR COMMANDER THAT THE PEOPLE OF KUMHWA ARE READY TO HELP! IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY OF US TO GET OUT! YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE WHO TRIED AND WERE CAUGHT!

BUT WHAT CAN YOUR PEOPLE DO? THEY AIN'T SOLDIERS...THEY AIN'T GOT GUNS...

TRUE! NO GUNS...BUT WE HAVE POWDER! EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD HAS BEEN STEALING SHELLS, CARTRIDGES AND AMMUNITION FROM THE REDS FOR WEEKS! WE MADE BOMBS OUT OF THE POWDER AND NOW IT IS PLACED IN IMPORTANT SECTORS OF THE CITY...TO HELP THE AMERICAN SIEGE OF KUMHWA! TELL YOUR COMMANDER THAT WE WILL SET OFF THE EXPLOSIVES AT SUNRISE!

BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR PEOPLE... YOUR CITY?

CITIES ARE ONLY CLAY AND STONE... THEY CAN BE REBUILT! AND THE PEOPLE... THEY WILL NOT BE NEAR THE BLASTS! TRUE, SOME WILL DIE...BUT THEY ARE WILLING! IT IS THEIR SACRIFICE FOR THE OTHERS...AND FOR THE FREEDOM OF KOREA! GO...AND MAY YOUR GODS SPEED YOU!

THE TWO DOGGIES LEFT KUMHWA THE SAME WAY THEY ENTERED! AND ON THE WAY BACK BOTH MEN WERE SILENT FOR A LONG TIME...THEN BENSON SPOKE UP...

OKAY, SARGE...WHY DON'T YA SAY IT AND GET IT OVER WITH? GO ON, RUB IT IN! TELL ME WHAT A HEEL I AM! TELL ME THAT I SHOT OFF MY BIG MOUTH...GO ON...SAY IT!

RELAX, BENSON...I AIN'T GONNA BITE INTO YA...

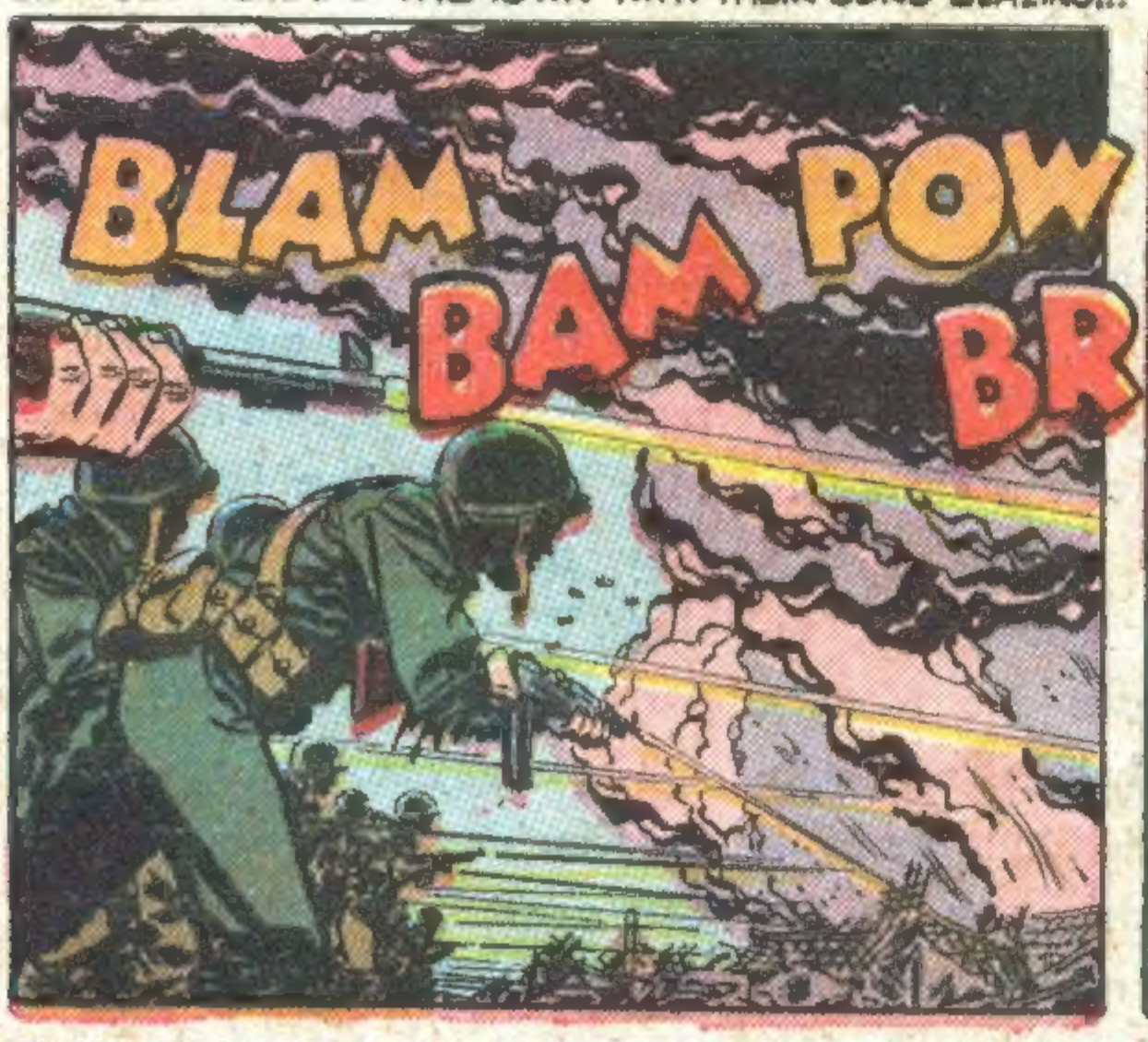
IF I DID IT'D REMIND ME ABOUT MYSELF! I WAS JUST LIKE YOU OVER IN GERMANY DURING THE LAST WAR! AND MY SERGEANT TOOK ME OUT ON A PATROL SOMETHIN' JUST LIKE THIS ONE...TO A PLACE CALLED *BUCHENWALD!*

HOLY SMOKE, SARGE! THEN YOU WENT ON THIS PATROL TO SHOW ME HOW WRONG I WAS! SARGE...YOU'RE OKAY!

THE SARGE AND BENSON GOT THRU AND GAVE THE MESSAGE TO THEIR C.O.! THEN THE ENTIRE LINE SWEATED OUT THE MORNING...AND THERE WAS A LUMP IN EVERY THROAT WHEN THE SUN EXPLODED SILENTLY OVER THE KOREAN HILLS...

THAT WAS THE SIGNAL FOR THE TOWN OF KUMHWA TO EXPLODE ALSO! THE TREMENDOUS BLAST SHOOK THE GROUND AND THE G.I.'S IN THE TRENCHES COULD FEEL THE HEAT OF THE BLINDING FLASH OF FIRE...

THE DOGGIES SCRAMBLED OUT OF THEIR HOLES AND CHARGED TOWARD THE TOWN WITH THEIR GUNS BLAZING...



THE REDS FOUGHT BACK, BUT THEIR EFFORT WAS FEEBLE! THEY WERE SHOCKED...CONFUSED...

THE IMPORTANT SUPPLY HUB OF KUMHWA FELL TO THE AMERICANS A FEW HOURS LATER...AND THE KOREANS WELCOMED THE DOGGIES INTO THE CITY WITH CHEERS AND FOOD...

THE SERGEANT AND BENSON FOUND THEIR FRIEND YIN SU...

WELCOME BACK TO KUMHWA! ITS BUILDINGS ARE DUST AND ITS STREETS ARE FILLED WITH RUBBLE...BUT ITS PEOPLE ARE HAPPY! AS THEY SAY HERE IN MY COUNTRY... IT IS BETTER TO BE A FREE MAN IN A RICE-STRAW HUT THAN A SLAVE IN A TOWER OF GOLD!
AND AS THEY SAY IN MY COUNTRY, YIN ... YOU SAID A MOUTHFUL!
THE END

THE COWARDLY CORPORAL

THERE was a lump in Major Henry Kelley's throat as he said farewell to the four men who had volunteered to remain behind and try their best to hold up the advance of the enemy. Sergeant Joe Matella and Private Dudley Johnson were handling the heavy machine gun. Private Moe Kosover patted his one man bazooka with paternal affection. And then there was the kid. Corporal Jim Bender with a bag full of hand grenades and a sub-machine gun at his side. The only four men not wounded and they were behind a rock formation on Minjan Hill. Beneath them ran the highway from the north.

"We need three hours to get the wounded men to the trucks," said the Major. "You must delay the advance of the enemy for that time to protect our men. If you can hold out for ten hours then we can get reinforcements. But just remember one thing. If they pass you and go ahead on the road then they have clear sailing."

"Don't worry about us," replied Sergeant Joe Matella. "We'll hold them even if they send an entire Army against us." And then with a forced smile on his face he added, "Just see that we get some hot chow when we return."

For twenty minutes after the Major and his men had left, the four soldiers said nothing. When one has volunteered to die what is the use of talking? Private Moe Kosover was wondering who would run the garage when they learned about his death. And Private Dudley Johnson took out his wallet and gazed at the picture of the girl he had left behind. But the Sergeant was watching the kid. For it was evident that the teen-age boy was scared. After all, it isn't very pleasant to contemplate death when you haven't a chance to live.

"Back in my school days," remarked Sergeant Joe Matella, "I used to study all about Napoleon. They called him the Little Corporal. So there you are. Another Little Corporal. Now when we see the enemy, it is up to you to wipe them all out." The kid couldn't answer. There was an insane desire to get up and run. He just forced himself to remain down on the ground.

Colonel Kim Too, of the Chinese People's Volunteers was very contented. He rode in the staff car and behind him were a dozen heavy tanks, five truck-loads of ammunition, and ten lorries full of obedient soldiers who would storm Minjan Hill. Then his men would catch up with the Americans and go on to forward positions. It was true that the raiding Americans had inflicted heavy damage upon men and material. But the fault was that of Captain Lee Ken and that officer was now on his way to Peiking.

Private Moe Kosover pointed to the column of dust coming down the highway. It was growing larger and larger until the four men could see the large advancing enemy force.

"If they try the tanks on us," remarked the Sergeant to Private Moe Kosover, "we just got to pray that the bazooka stops them. We can spray an attacking party with the machine gun."

The enemy stopped and Colonel Kim Too watched a group of fifty soldiers get ready to charge up the hill. Human life was cheap and a tank was expensive. The soldiers were about half way up Minjan Hill when Sergeant Joe Matella cut loose with the machine gun. They were mowed down like blades of grass. It wasn't exactly an encouraging thing for the rest of the red soldiers in the lorries. So the Colonel decided to make a quick shift in his plans.

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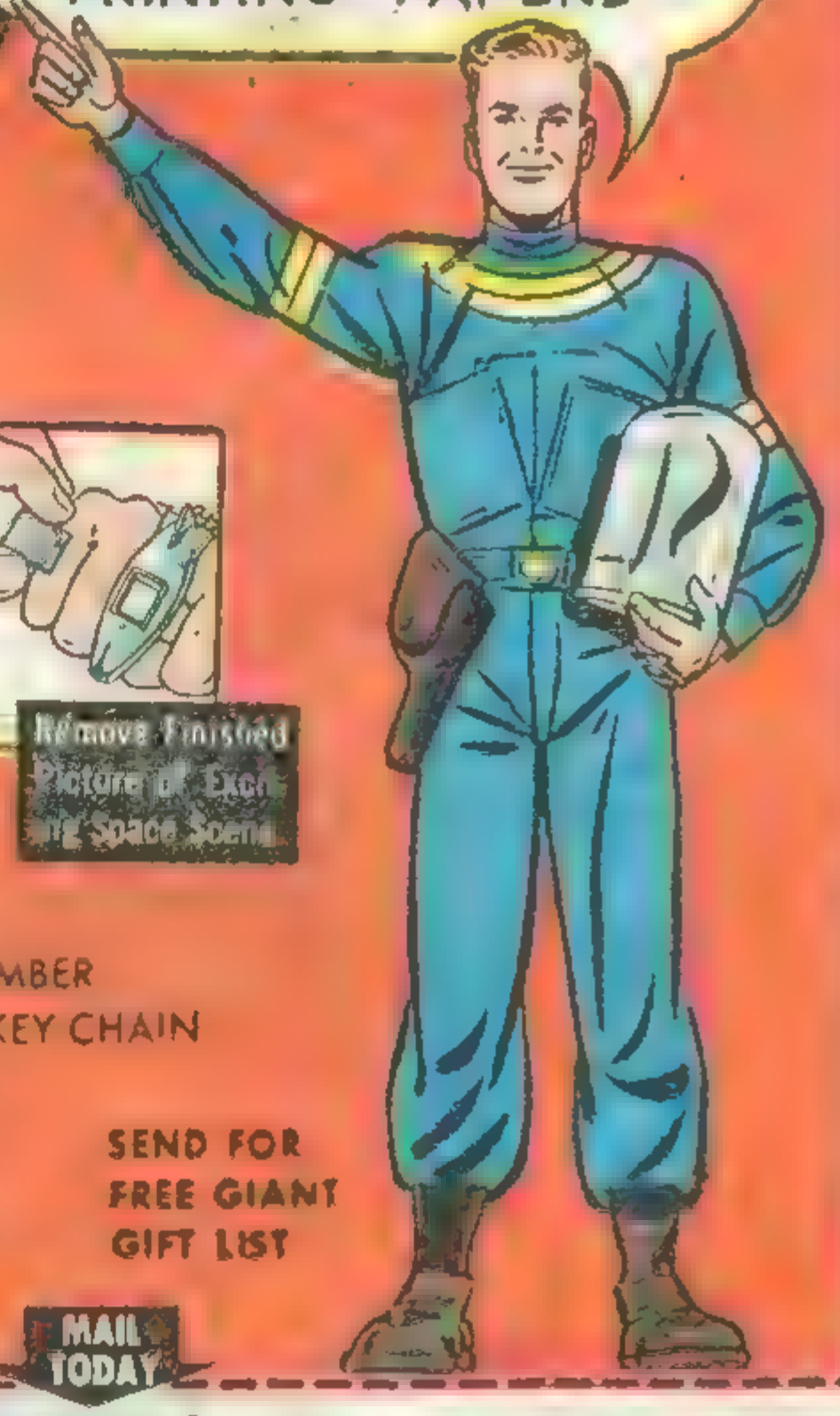

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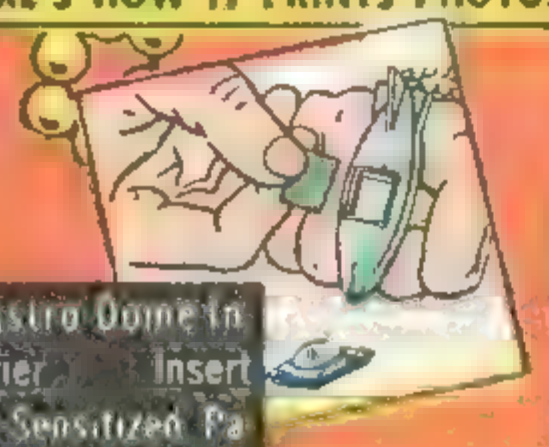

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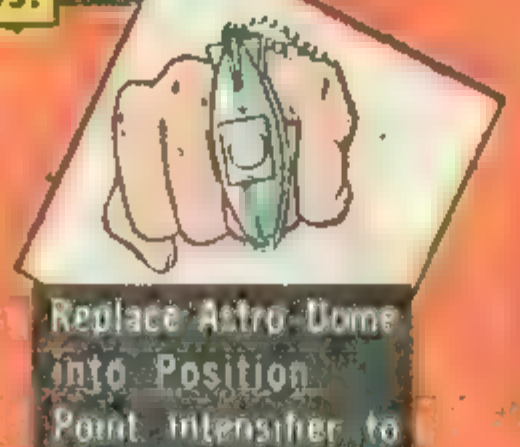

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DEATH TRAP

THE ISLAND STRETCHES LIKE A LONG, THIN PENCIL OFF THE SOUTH KOREAN MAINLAND! IT HAS CLAIMED THE LIVES OF THREE PRECEDING PATROLS, AND NOW A FOURTH IS ON ITS WAY TO HARASS, CONFUSE AND DESTROY THE ENEMY FORCES AND PAVE THE WAY FOR INVASION! THE MEN WATCH AS THE ISLAND LOOMS NEARER, AND EACH HARBORS WITHIN HIMSELF HIS OWN FEAR!

CRIPES! MY GUTS ARE CRAWLING! HOW DO *YOU* FEEL, SERGEANT?

SAME AS YOU... JUMPY! IT WEARS OFF WHEN YOU GO INTO ACTION! I HIT MAKEIN, KWAJALEIN AND IWO IN THE LAST WAR! I WAS JUMPY EACH TIME!

YOU SURE 'ABOUT THE MEN YOU PICKED, CAIN?

I HAND-PICKED 'EM! SIX OF 'EM ARE TOUGH NUTS WITH PACIFIC KNOW-HOW FROM THE LAST WAR! THE OTHER FOUR SAW ACTION NEAR PUSAN! THEY'LL SHAPE UP OKAY, LIEUTENANT!

THE ENGINES ARE CUT AND THE STEEL HULL GRATES ON THE SANDY BOTTOM! THE RAMP LOWERS SILENTLY AND THE MEN SLIDE INTO THE LUKEWARM WATER...

AS THEY REACH THE BEACH, A NERVOUS ENEMY SENSES DANGER AND BIGINS AN ENDLESS SWEEP WITH PROBING, SEARCHING FINGERS OF DEATH...

RAT-TA-TA-TA-TA-TA!

COSTELLO... BAILEY... RAYMOND! YOU GUYS ARE INVITED TO A PARTY!

FAMOUS LAST WORDS! WE GONNA PLAY PADDY-CAKES WITH THOSE MACHINE GUNS? DON'T ANSWER THAT!

WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO FLANK THEIR POSITIONS FROM THE LEFT AND GET BEHIND THEM! HAND SIGNALS ONLY! ANY QUESTIONS?

YEAH! IS THIS TRIP NECESSARY?

WE'RE SET TO MOVE OUT! YOU THINK YOU OUGHT TO GIVE US COVERING FIRE?

NO...NOT YET! THOSE REDS ARE WHISTLING IN THE DARK! THEY DON'T REALLY KNOW WHERE WE ARE!

G-G-G-G-G-G

THE MEN MOVE OFF, BODIES HUGGING THE EARTH, SENSES KEYED TO RAZOR EDGE...

CHECK YOUR POCKETS FOR ANYTHING THAT MIGHT JINGLE! IF POSSIBLE, WE'LL MAKE THIS A BAYONET PARTY... IF NOT, GRENADES!

LET'S GET IT OVER WITH!

THEIR BODIES BLEND WITH THE SHADOWS OF THE DAWN AS THEY STALK THROUGH THE FOREST FRINGE, WATCHING CAIN FOR THE SIGNAL... AND THEN IT COMES...

THEY CRAWL THROUGH THE DENSE UNDERBRUSH, NERVES TINGLING, BODIES ACHING, THOUGHTS TORMENTED BY THE PROXIMITY OF THE ENEMY!

THE BUSHES PART CAUTIOUSLY AND THE FOUR MEN INSTINCTIVELY STIFLE THEIR BREATHING...

RAT-TA-TA-TA-TA

THEY WATCH CAIN'S HAND SLIDE TO HIS KNIFE... AND THEY FOLLOW SUIT!

A SWIFT CROUCHED RUN FOLLOWED BY SAVAGE HURTLING THRUSTS... AND THE MACHINE GUNS FALL SILENT...

AND ON THE BEACH, THE SILENCE IS A SIGNAL...

THEY MADE IT! WE CAN MOVE UP TO THAT FRINGE OF WOODS NOW! LET'S GO!

NICE GOING, CAIN!

THE PLACE IS LOUSY WITH 'EM, LIEUTENANT! THERE WAS A REGULAR BEATEN TRAIL FROM THEIR POSITIONS TO SOME SUPPLY DUMP IN THE INTERIOR!

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MAYBE A STORM AND MAYBE NOT! THE JAPS USED TO USE THOSE PALM BRANCHES AS A FAVORITE AMBUSH! WE BETTER CHECK TO MAKE SURE!

APPROACH THOSE PALM BRANCHES CAREFULLY AND POKE 'EM ASIDE WITH YOUR GUN MUZZLES, NOT YOUR FEET!

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT TO FIND UNDER 'EM, BURIED TREASURE?

IF YOU FIND TREASURE UNDER THEM, KEEP IT! MORE'N LIKELY YOU'LL FIND SOME REDS DUG IN! START KICKIN' 'EM ASIDE!

YOU NOTICE HOW THEM YETS ARE MORE JUMPY THAN US RECRUITS! THAT GUY CAIN WOULDN'T TRUST A ROSEBUSH GROWING IN HIS BACK-YARD!

RAT-A-TAT-TAT-TAT!

THAT'S WHAT I MEANT! NO GUY WHO SAW ACTION IN THE PACIFIC WOULD HAVE TURNED HIS BACK ON THAT PALM BRANCH!

CRACK!

THAT FIRING WILL BRING THE REDS HERE ON THE RUN! WE'VE GOT TO SPLIT UP INTO TWO PATROLS AND MOVE INTO THE INTERIOR! YOU KNOW THE ROUTE, CAIN!

YESSIR!

THE TWO SQUADS GO DEEP INTO THE WOODS AND BRANCH OFF AT A JUNGLE INTERSECTION!

THE STILLNESS DEEPENS! A SENSE OF IMPENDING DISASTER EATS INTO SGT. CAIN'S CONSCIOUSNESS...

COSTELLO AND GRADY, MOVE OFF THE TRAIL AND FIND A SPOT YOU CAN COVER THE PATH FROM! BAILEY AND RAYMOND FOLLOW ME! WE'LL DO THE SAME ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TRAIL!

MINUTES PASS IN TENSE SILENCE! EYES ARE GLUED TO THE TRAIL... WAITING, LISTENING, WATCHING! A TWIG SNAPS IN THE DISTANCE, AND...

THE SURPRISE ATTACK SWEEPS THE ENEMY OFF HIS FEET! DESTRUCTION IS SWIFT AND COMPLETE!

WHRAM-

RAT-TA-TA!

JUST LIKE GUADAL-CANAL, HUH? ROLL THEM OFF THE TRAIL AND LET'S KEEP MOVING!

THEY MOVE SWIFTLY NOW, KEEPING OFF THE MAIN TRAILS, HACKING THEIR WAY THROUGH DENSE BRUSH OR FORDING SLUGGISH STREAMS...

TAKE THIS ALL IN, GUYS! I GOTTA DESTROY THIS MAP! THE ENEMY ENCAMPMENT IS IN THIS VALLEY HERE! OUR MISSION IS TO LOUSE UP EVERYTHING WE CAN LAY OUR HANDS ON... CHOW, WATERHOLES, COMMUNICATIONS, AMMO DUMPS!

THE SOUND OF VOICES FILTERS THROUGH THE JUNGLE AND THE MEN FREEZE INTO IMMOBILITY...

AN ENEMY PATROL HEADING TOWARDS THE RIVER! WE CAN TAKE 'EM IF THE BOYS DON'T PANIC NOW!

BUT THE MEN HOLD WELL AND BEGIN FOLLOWING ON THEIR STOMACHS, EYES FIXED ON CAIN FOR EVERY SIGNAL...

THE ATTACK IS MADE FROM THE KNEES! FOUR GRENADES HURTLE INTO THE ENEMY NEST AND EXPLODE SIMULTANEOUSLY...

THEY TURN AND RUN, STAYING OFF THE MAIN TRAIL AND FIGHTING THEIR WAY THROUGH DENSE UNDERBRUSH...

ANOTHER HUNDRED YARDS OR SO! THIS JUNGLE OPENS UP OVER THE VALLEY!

ACKLEY MADE IT OKAY! THOSE REDS ARE BUZZING LIKE A STIRRED-UP HORNET'S NEST! ALL WE GOTTA DO NOW IS REACH THE BEACH!

THE AMBUSH PATROLS RENDEZVOUS BY THE BANKS OF A HIDDEN INLET, THEIR MISSION COMPLETED...

WE SAW THAT MESS YOU MADE THERE!

WE BLEW EVERYTHING THEY HAD AND BEAT IT! I DON'T FEEL JUMPY ANY MORE, SERGEANT!

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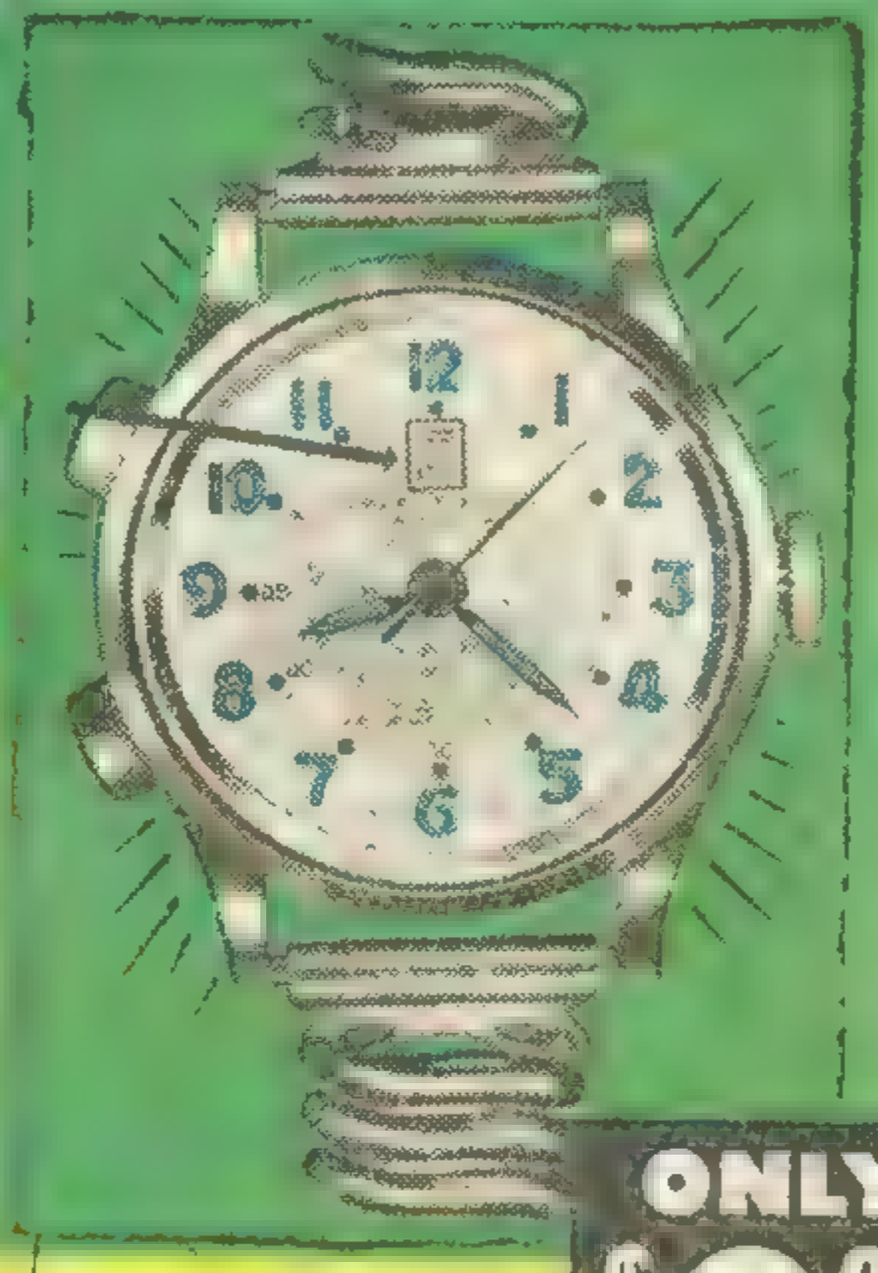

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won't use any more of them."

Tank one was operated by a fairly green crew who had come from Manchuria. The tank rumbled to the bottom of the hill and presented a beautiful target for Private Moe Kosover. He prayed, took careful aim, and fired his bazooka. It was a perfect hit and he watched the tank begin to burn. The crew jumped out and scrambled to safety. And that wasn't so good for the morale of the other tank crews.

"Change orders," shouted the furious Colonel Kim Too as he realized the burning tank could be a menace to his own safety. "Have the tanks go back and then open up a barrage until they reduce the hill." He knew valuable time was being wasted and that with each ticking second of the clock, the Americans he was pursuing were coming closer and closer to safety.

As the shells came closer and closer to the four men, they could clearly see it would be a matter of minutes before the tank gunners got the correct range.

Private Moe Kosover was aiming to ruin a second tank when the kid jumped out of his protective covering of rocks and shouted at the top of his lungs.

"I don't want to die here like a trapped rat! I'm scared! I'm a coward! I can't wait till Death gets me! I'm going to meet it!"

He was nuts and the Sergeant tried to stop him but it was too late. The Corporal ran down the side of the hill as though he was a streak of lightning. He took one look at a truck, pulled the pin from a grenade, counted, and threw it. He only heard the first of a series of deafening explosions. Colonel Kim Too was not the product of a military school or he wouldn't have permitted his ammunition trucks to be so close together.

When Corporal Jim Bender awoke he was in a nice white bed and his entire body and face was covered with bandages. A nurse observed him and then called to the Major who came into the room.

"It was a wonderful deed you did," said Major Henry Kelley. "That hand grenade blew up the first ammunition truck, then the rest went up, and the tanks burned and even fired at each other. Single handed you practically wiped out the enemy and saved all our men."

"But I was a coward," sobbed the kid. "I wanted to run and die and I didn't plan all this."

"Forget that coward stuff," scolded the Major. "You were delirious for five days and insisted you were a coward and wanted a coward's medal. You are going to get lots of medals. And even a coward's medal. Sergeant Matella had it made for you and I will read the inscription." The Major coughed and took out a gold emblem from his pocket.

"The Corporal was a Coward. — This is in large type. And in small type it reads—We are all glad he was!"

THE END A-850

Major Carl L. Sitter, USMC
Medal of Honor

THE HILL was steep, snow-covered, 600 feet high. Red-held, it cut our lifeline route from Hagan-ri to the sea; it had to be in our hands.

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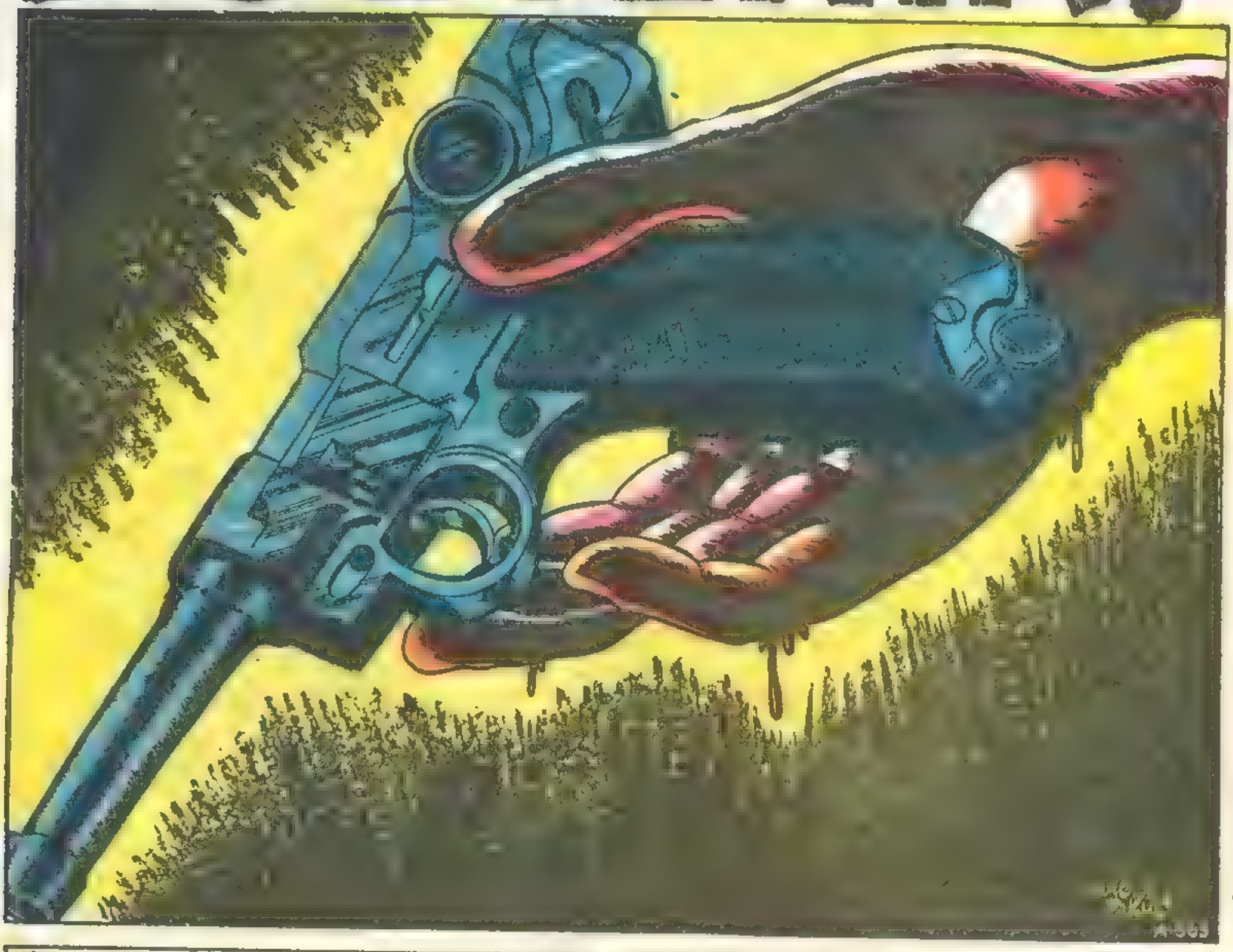
SOUVENIR!



WAR IS USUALLY DESTRUCTIVE TO ALL COMMERCE AND BUSINESS! BUT HERE IS ONE SMALL TRADE THAT ALWAYS GETS A SHOT IN THE ARM FROM A WORLD PREOCCUPIED WITH WHOLESALE KILLING... THE SOUVENIR BUSINESS...

I'M LOOKING FOR A CHINESE BAYONET!

HERE'S A FINE ONE! RUSTED.. AND NICKED! IT'S A BEAUTY!

WHEREVER YOU GO IN THE BIG CITIES BEHIND THE FRONT, YOU'LL SEE THESE TROPHIES OF WAR GLITTERING FROM EVERY STORE WINDOW AND PUSHCART...

YOUR PRICE AIN'T RIGHT, MISTER! I PASSED A PLACE DOWN THE BLOCK WHERE THEY SELL CHINESE HELMETS TWO FOR THREE BUCKS...

OKEY-DOKEY! TAKE IT FOR ONE DOLLAR!

THEN THERE'S THE COMPETITION FROM MEN ON SIX-DAY PASSES, ALL EAGER TO PICK UP A QUICK BUCK...

C'MON! HERE'S THE RED TRENCH KNIFE YOU'RE LOOKIN' FOR! I SEEN IT SLIT THREE THROATS AFORE I GOT THE BUZZARD WHO OWNED IT!... A REAL BARGAIN!

HEY, SAILOR! SEND THIS BATTLE FLAG HOME TO YOUR BABE! IT'LL MAKE A FINE NIGHTGOWN!

NOT ALL MERCHANDISE IS EQUALLY VALUABLE, AS SOLDIERS WITH IDEAS OF PICKING UP FAT POCKET MONEY FIND OUT...

HELMETS? I'VE GOT ENOUGH HELMETS! THE MARKET'S FLOODED WITH HELMETS! I'LL SELL *YOU* HELMETS!

WHAT'S [redacted] THEN?

GUNS, REVOLVERS, PISTOLS! ESPECIALLY LUGERS... OFFICERS' LUGERS! YOU CAN NAME YOUR OWN PRICE! WHEN YOU GO BACK, LOOK FOR LUGERS!

SAME OLD STORY! EVERYWHERE YOU GO, THEY WANT LUGERS! WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT LUGERS?

THEY'RE RARE AND THEY PACKAGE BETTER...YESSIR, WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

GOT ANY SWORDS? LONG ONES! I WANT TO SEND SOME HOME TO MY NEPHEWS!

AND WHERE DO THESE SOUVENIRS COME FROM? THE DEAD! A RED HAS TO LIE VERY STILL BEFORE YOU CAN TAKE HIS GUN OR HIS SWORD!

HEY, BENSON! YOU FORGOT THE CRUD'S HELMET! AIN'T YOU TAKIN' THE HELMET?

NAW, IT AIN'T WORTH A CENT! HELMETS ARE A DRUG ON THE MARKET!

THE VOICE BELONGED TO ART BENSON, PROFESSIONAL TROPHY COLLECTOR...

ALWAYS COMPLAININ'! NOBODY KNOWS THE SOUVENIR MARKET BETTER'N YOU! GOT A REGULAR RACKET. FROM TRUCKERS DOWN TO SALESMEN AN' YOU STILL COMPLAIN!

SURE, THERE AIN'T ENOUGH RED OFFICERS! IT'S THE BRASS THAT GETS EQUIPPED WITH THE GOOD STUFF! KNOW SOMETHIN'? I AIN'T SEEN A LUGER IN TWO MONTHS!

YOU'RE CRAZY! YOU GOT A COUPLA LUGERS THE OTHER DAY!

CALL THEM LUGERS? THEM'S MASS-PRODUCED STUFF... I MEAN THE REAL MECOY! OFFICERS' LUGERS! THEY'LL BRING $200 A GUN! THESE OTHER LUGERS... THEY GO FOR TEN BUCKS APIECE!

YES, ART BENSON WAS THE SOUVENIR COLLECTOR PAR EXCELLENCE! SUPPLY TRUCKS NEVER WENT BACK FROM HIS SECTOR EMPTY-HANDED!

YOU PICK TROPHIES LIKE BERRY-PICKERS PICK STRAWBERRIES! HOW DO YOU DO IT, ART?

THE OTHER GUYS PICK UP THE STUFF! I JOB IT! IT TAKES ORGANIZATION, THAT'S ALL!

HEY, BENSON! THERE'S ANOTHER PATROL GOIN' OUT TONIGHT! GOIN' ON IT?

YOU KIDDIN', SARGE? HOW'M I GOIN' TO KEEP MY FINGER ON THE RED PULSE OF THE MARKET IF I LIE AROUND KILLIN' TIME INSTEAD OF REDS? SURE I'M GOIN'!

AND THAT NIGHT ON THE PATROL...

EEEAA!

BANG!

GET 'EM! ONE OF 'EM'S AN OFFICER! GET 'EM!

BANG!

BANG!

AND WHEN THE SKIRMISH WAS OVER, AND THE RECEIPTS COUNTED...

HE'S AN OFFICER ALRIGHT! AN' HE'S CARRYIN' A LUGER! BUT IT'S ONE OF THEM ORDINARY LUGERS!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THEM REDS? CAN'T THEY AFFORD TOP STUFF NO MORE? A REAL LUGER'S SCARCER THAN A TWO-HEADED HERRING!

ONE DAY, A GREENHORN JOINED BENSON'S UNIT! BENSON, NATURALLY, TRIED TO RECRUIT HIM FOR HIS TROPHY RACKET...

SORRY, MR. BENSON! I'M NOT INTERESTED!

YOU'RE MAKIN' A MISTAKE, KID! YOU'LL MAKE GOOD CHANGE WORKIN' FOR ME! ASK THE OTHER GUYS! THEY'LL TELL YOU!

I KNOW, BUT I'M NOT INTERESTED IN MAKING MONEY! I JUST PROMISED MY FATHER I'D SEND HIM BACK ONE SOUVENIR! MY FATHER WAS IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR!

THAT'S GREAT! BUT YOU MUSTN'T PICK UP BAD HABITS, KID! PASSIN' UP GOOD DOUGH'S THE WORST HABIT THERE IS! YOU MUST LOOK AT THIS THING REALISTICALLY! SENTIMENT DON'T COUNT!

IT DOES WITH ME! YOU CAN KEEP ALL YOUR SOUVENIRS, MR. BENSON! THERE'S JUST ONE TROPHY I WANT! THEN I'M THRU! TO ME, COLLECTING SOUVENIRS IS LIKE ROBBING THE DEAD!

YOU'LL GET OVER THAT! YOU JUST AIN'T SEEN ENOUGH DEAD! BY THE WAY, WHAT'S THE TROPHY YOU'RE LOOKIN' FOR?

A LUGER! AN OFFICER'S LUGER!

YOU, TOO?

YOU GOT GOOD TASTE, KID! THE MARKET'LL GET YOU $50 FOR AN OFFICER'S LUGER!

I DON'T CARE IF THE MARKET OFFERS A NICKEL OR FIVE THOUSAND! THAT'S NOT WHY I WANT IT! IT'S FOR MY FATHER! HE WANTS IT!

MY FATHER'S PARALYZED! HE'S BEEN PARALYZED FOR 34 YEARS, EVER SINCE WORLD WAR I! A COUPLE OF SHOTS FROM A LUGER CUT SOME NERVES IN HIS SPINE! HE HASN'T WALKED SINCE 1918!

THAT'S TOUGH!

HE'S LIVED IN A WHEELCHAIR! HE TOLD ME HE'D ALWAYS HAD ONE DREAM! TO GET A LUGER... AN OFFICER'S LUGER! A KRAUT OFFICER SHOT HIM!

...SO I'M GOING TO FIND HIM THAT LUGER AND SEND IT BACK TO HIM! THAT'S THE ONLY SOUVENIR I WANT! YOU CAN KEEP ALL THE REST!

HEY! THE KID'S JUST BURSTIN' WITH GENEROSITY, AIN'T HE? HE JUST WANTS THE MOST VALUABLE SOUVENIR ON THE MARKET!... HE... AND EVERYONE *ELSE!*

ONE NIGHT, A WEEK LATER, A PATROL WAS RECRUITED...

OKAY, KID! YOU COME ALONG, TOO! YOU AIN'T NEVER BEEN ON A PATROL! IT'S TIME YOU GOT A TASTE!

HAVE A HEART, SARGE! PICK A GUY ON MY PAY ROLL! THIS KID DON'T WANT TO WORK WITH ME!

WHAT IN BLAZES DO YOU THINK THIS WAR *IS*? A *BUSINESS*? ALL YOU THINK OF IS YOUR CRUMMY SOUVENIR RACKET...

OKAY... OKAY, DON'T GO BLOWIN' YOUR STACK! LET THE KID COME! BUT I'M LOSIN' MONEY!

FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS THE PATROL MOVED THRU DARKNESS, RUNNING INTO NOTHING BUT FOG!... THEN, SUDDENLY...

GET DOWN! REDS!...

GOOD! MEAT ON THE TABLE!

HOLY JUMPIN' CATS! ONE OF 'EM LOOKS LIKE AN OFFICER!

IF HE'S GOT AN OFFICER'S LUGER... THERE'S A TWENTY-FIVE BUCK BONUS TO THE GUY WHO GETS IT!

OKAY! LET 'EM HAVE IT!

THAT LUGER... I GOTTA GET IT... FOR DAD!

BLAM!

ARG-G-G!

BLAM

SATISFIED NOW, BENSON? YA GOT YOUR NAZI RATTLER... AN' ALL THE KID GOT WAS A SLUG OUT OF IT! HE WANTED IT FOR HIS OLD MAN... THAT I CAN UNDERSTAND! BUT YOU... ALL YOU WANT IT FOR IS TO HAWK IT TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER!

THAT'S RIGHT, SARGE!

SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER... THE KID! HE PAID FOR IT WITH HIS LIFE! YOU'VE GOT HIS ADDRESS... SEND THE LUGER TO HIS OLD MAN... FROM HIS SON!

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HEY, YELLOW-BELLY! YOU BEEN QUIET TONIGHT! YOU AIN'T *DEAD*, ARE YOU?
THERE'S YOUR ANSWER, YANKEE! MAY A CONVULSION SEIZE YOU!
RAT-A-TAT TAT-TAT TAT!

YOU'RE A LOUSY SHOT! I'LL BET YOU'D MISS IF YOU TRIED TO BLOW YOUR BRAINS OUT!
I'LL BET *YOU* WOULDN'T! WHY DON'T YOU *TRY*, YANKEE?
I GOT HIM NOW!
BUDA BUDA BUDA-BUDA

EAAAA!

YIIII!

OHH-H!

HEAR THAT, HERB? I GOT 'EM! I GOT 'EM!

BUDA-BUDA-BUDA-BUDA!

YOU DIDN'T GET ME! YOU HEAR?! I *LIVE!* I *LIVE!* YES! ONE DAY I SHALL LIVE TO *KILL* YOU! DO YOU HEAR, YANKEE?

HA! HA! WE SURE GOT THEIR GOAT THAT TIME! HA! HA! THEY'RE GOIN' CRAZY!

BUDA-BUDA-BUDA-BUDA!

RAT-A-TAT-TAT-TAT!

THAT'S THE STUFF, LICE EATER! WASTE YOUR AMMO! YOU DON'T NEED IT, ANYWAY! YOU AIN'T GOIN' TO DO ANYTHIN' BUT CROAK! HEAR THAT, CRUD?--*CROAK!*

THE BULL-VOICED DEVIL! KILL HIM! *KILL HIM!*

BUDA-BUDA-BUDA-BUDA-BUDA-BUDA-BANG-BANG-BANG

BRAATT!

BLAM!

AND AS RED LEAD FLEW VICIOUSLY OVERHEAD, HERB TALCON OF THE BASS VOICE AND LEATHER LUNGS WOULD LIE BACK AGAINST THE EARTH AND ROAR WITH MIRTH, AS IF THE FUNNIEST THING IN THE WORLD WERE TAKING PLACE...

HA! HA! MAD AS HORNETS! THEY'RE GOIN' CRAZY! HA! HA!

AT THE SAME TIME, KI TUO, THE RED, WOULD SHAKE HIS FIST IN RAGE AND CURSES...

YOU LAUGH NOW, YANKEE! WAIT! I SHALL TURN YOUR LAUGHTER INTO TEARS! BY THE GODS, ONE DAY I SHALL SPIT ON YOUR BODY, KILLED WITH MY OWN HANDS!

AND SO IT WENT ON, DAY AFTER DAY, WEEK AFTER WEEK! HERB TALCON WOULD INSULT KI TUO...

HEY, MONKEY! HOW MANY LICE DID YOUR PALS TAKE OUTA YOUR HIDE LAST NIGHT? OR DID THE CRUDS EAT 'EM AFORE THEY COUNTED 'EM?

AND KI TUO WOULD REPLY WITH DIRE THREATS TO HERB'S FUTURE!

WHEN I GET YOU, YANKEE DOG, I'LL CUT YOU UP INTO TINY PIECES AND FEED YOU TO THE PIGS!

THEN THE AMERICAN MACHINE GUNS WOULD CHATTER AWAY HOPEFULLY...

BUDA-BUDA-BUDA

AND THE REDS WOULD ANSWER--FURIOUSLY! USUALLY AFTER A FEW REDS PAID THE PRICE FOR MOVING TOO INCAUTIOUSLY ABOUT THEIR TRENCH...

BANG RAT-A-TAT-TAT! BANG!

ONE NIGHT SOMETHING STRANGE HAPPENED... TRY AS HE MIGHT, HERB TALCON COULDN'T GET A RISE OUT OF KI TUO...

MAYBE HE'S DEAD?

NAW! IT'S SOMETHIN' ELSE! THEY AIN'T ANSWERIN' FOR A REASON!

SURE THEY GOT A REASON! BUT WHAT *IS* IT?

HOW IN HECK SHOULD I KNOW? I'LL TRY TO GET HIM SORE AGAIN!

QUIET! SOMETHING'S COMING OVER THE PHONE! COME IN, S-2! COME IN!

NO!...(GULP!) Y-YOU'RE *JOKING*! ...HOW MANY? WHEN?

CRANE! WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S HAPPENED?

THERE WAS A REASON ALL RIGHT FOR THEM CRUDS NOT TO TALK WITH HERB TONIGHT! A GOOD REASON, HEAVEN HELP US!

FOR CRYIN' OUT TEARS, *SPILL* IT! WHAT'S GOIN' ON OUT THERE?

INTELLIGENCE FOUND OUT THE REDS ARE REINFORCED FIVE TIMES OVER! THEY'RE GOING TO ATTACK TONIGHT --ANY MINUTE! S-2 ASKS US TO HOLD THE LINE! THE REDS WANT A BREAKTHROUGH TO LAND ON OUR FLANK...

I KNEW SOMETHIN' WAS WRONG WHEN THAT CRUD WOULDN'T ANSWER!

WE'VE GOT TO HOLD 'EM, EH? DID S-2 TELL YOU *HOW*, WITH US OUTNUMBERED FIVE TO ONE?

THEY JUST SAID TO STOP 'EM, PERIOD!

THAT'S JUST DANDY! STOP 'EM--BUT *HOW*, THEY DON'T TELL US! *WHEN*, THEY DON'T TELL US! *WHERE*, THEY DON'T TELL US!

YANKEE! ARE YOU THERE?

WAIT, CAPTAIN! IT'S MY OLD FRIEND-- HE'S ALIVE AN' KICKIN'!

WHAT DOES *HE* WANT? WHY'D HE PICK *THIS* TIME TO TALK AFTER KEEPING QUIET ALL EVENING?

I'M NOT SURE, BUT I'VE GOT A CRAZY HUNCH, SIR...

HE WANTS ME TO *ANSWER* HIM! THAT WAY HE'LL KNOW WE AIN'T PREPARED FOR NO SURPRISES! THEN THEY CAN SNEAK ACROSS NO MAN'S LAND AN' JUMP US WHILE I'M STILL GABBIN' AWAY!

THEN FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, DON'T *SAY* ANYTHING! KEEP THEM GUESSING!

THAT WOULD ONLY THROW 'EM FOR A SHORT TIME! THEN THEY'D COME ANY-WAY! BUT I GOT A *BETTER* IDEA! I'LL *ANSWER* HIM! IN FACT, I'LL GAB MY HEAD OFF...

THAT'LL BRING 'EM OUT! ONLY THERE'LL BE ONE THING *MISSIN'* WHEN THEY REACH THIS TRENCH! *YOU* GUYS! YOU'LL BE OUT ON NO MAN'S LAND IN TWO PARTS, LETTIN' 'EM PASS BETWEEN TO CATCH 'EM IN A *CROSS FIRE!*

BUT WHAT ABOUT *YOU*?

ME? I'LL MAKE LIKE A DECOY-- AS LONG AS POSSIBLE! LET'S FACE IT, CAP--AM I ANY BETTER OFF IF I *DON'T* PULL THIS STUNT? THEY'LL GET ME, ANYWAY!

YOU'RE RIGHT, OF COURSE! I'LL GET THE MEN OUT NOW!

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HI, CRUD! FOR A WHILE I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD THERE!

ME DEAD? OH, NO, YANKEE! IF ANYONE WILL DIE — IT SHALL BE YOU!

CHARGE! CHARGE!

OKAY, BOYS! OPEN UP!

BANG

THERE'S THE CAPTAIN'S SIGNAL! LET 'EM HAVE IT!

EEEAAAIII!

CRACK!

CRACK!

BUDA BUDA BUDA BUDA

KRAK!

WE WERE TRICKED! THEY CAUGHT US IN A CROSS FIRE! THAT CURSED YANKEE LED US ON! HE MUST STILL BE IN THE TRENCH! KILL HIM! KILL HIM!

THERE HE IS, ALONE! KILL HI— EEAAAA!

OKAY, BIG MOUTH! WE'RE FACE TO FACE! DO SOMETHIN'!

BRAAT!

BLAM

BAM

A HALF-HOUR LATER...

HERB WAS SOME GUY! HE TOOK PLENTY OF 'EM WITH HIM!

YEAH! FUNNY, AIN'T IT, CAPTAIN? HERB'S MOUTH! IT'S OPEN, LIKE HE WAS STILL SAYIN' SOMETHIN'!

LIKE ALWAYS, HE GOT IN THE LAST WORD!

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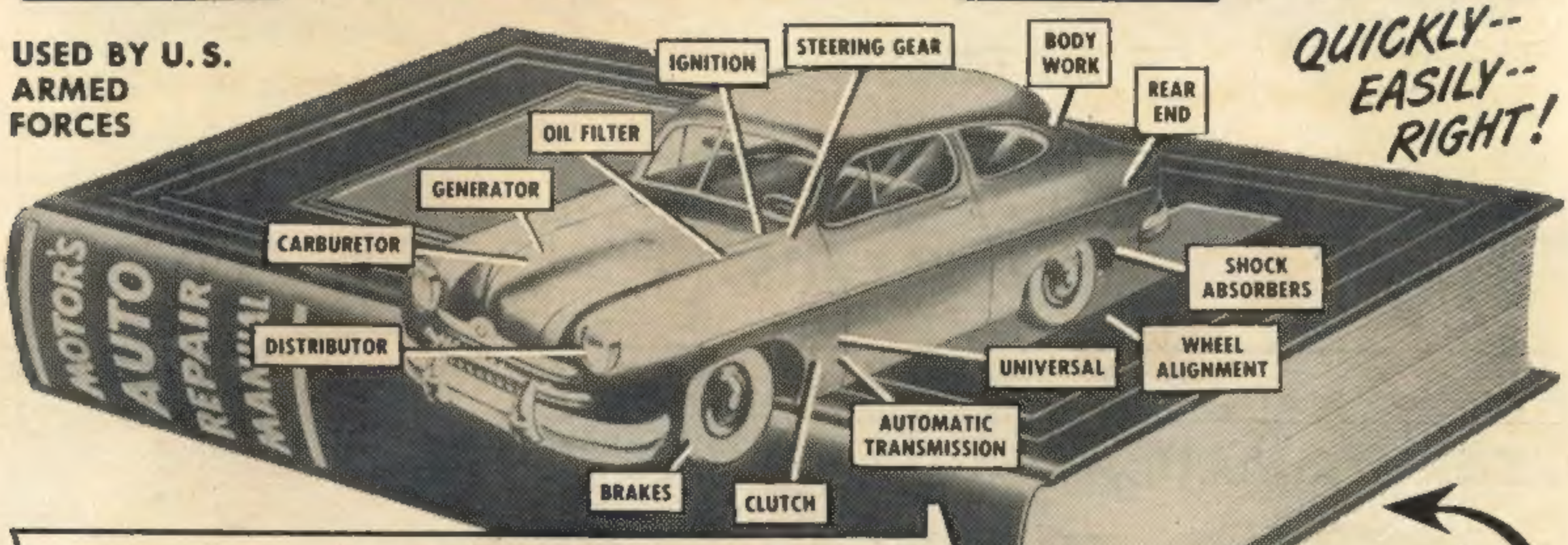

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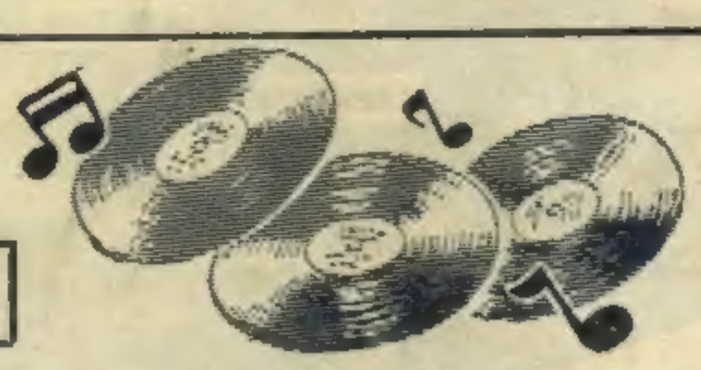

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